German consulttnts in LCA Project

1396. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to appoint MBB of Germany as consultants in the manufacture of Light Combat Aircraft; and

(b) whether the LCA Project is proposed to be handed over to the H.A.L.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The manufacture of the Light Combat Aircraft will be done by the HAL at Bangalore and it is premature to name any consultants that may be appointed for help in the manufacture of the LCA as the aircraft is in the design phase.

(b) The Aeronautical Development Agency is responsible for the overall execution of the LCA Project. HAL is intimately involved in every phase of the programme.

Appointments in Delhi Police

1397. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1753 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 1986 and state:

(a) what are the reasons for not issuing appointment order to the selected candidates through a period of about 9 months has elapsed since the collection of their original certificates;

(b) by when the appointment orders to these candidates are likely to be issued;

(c) whether Government also propose to relax the conditions with regard to the percentage of marks secured by the candidates; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The verification of character and antecedents of the candidates, who were screened a fresh has not been completed by the local police of their respective home town to whom the attestation forms have been sent by the Delhi Police.

(b) Appointment orders to these candidates will be issued after satisfactory verification of their character and antecedents.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

(d) Does not arise.

Complaints against Tihar Jail Authorities

1398. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officials at Tihar Jail against whom disciplinary action has been initiated during the last three years and the details of action taken in each case;

(b) what steps are being proposed to strengthen the administration at Tihar Jail; and

(c) how many complaints have been received by Government against Tihar Jail administration during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) During the last 3 years, disciplinary/criminal cases have been initiated against 62 Tihar jail officials on the

charge of negligance of duty, wilful absence, misbehaviour or involvement in smuggling of smark, etc. In the 22 cases in which enquiry has been completed, 10 have been issued warning/ censured. In 6 cases the punishments of with-holding of increment/reduction in pay have been awarded. In the remaining cases, the charges against the concerned officials were not proved.

(b) 238 additional posts including the post of full-time I.G. (Prison) have been sanctioned for the Central jail, Tihar. 6 more vehicles have also been sanctioned. A number of walkie-talkie and wireless sets have been provided and a control room has been set up at Tihar Jail.

(c) During the year 1983, 3 complaints were received and in the year 1985 one complaint was received.

Punjab Government's Demand for another Commission to settle Territorial Claims

1399. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Punjab Government has urged the Central Government to set up a Commission to look into the territorial claims of Punjab and Haryana under clause 7.4 of the Prime Minister—Longowal accord; and

(b) if so, what is the Central Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. V. NARASIHMA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Effecting Economy in Defence Expenditure

1400. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration to effect economy in defence expenditure, particularly in the civil defence expenditure, without reducing the effectiveness and efficiency of the armed forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEACH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): Yes, Sir. A review of the defence expenditure including that on civil defence expenditure is being undertaken in the light of the Prime Minister's directive regarding review of non-Plan expenditure.

Sino-Bhutanese talks on Demarcation of Boundary

1401. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that China is holding talks with Bhutan for demarcation of border between the two countries; and

(b) what is the Government of India's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government of India have been following reports on the progress of the talks with interest.

Migration of Hindus from Pakistan

1402. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an estimate has been made of the damage done recently to Hindu shops, homes and temples in Pakistan;